

Board of Selectmen

Minutes

Special Meeting

Selectmen's Conference Room

Thursday, February 16, 2012

7:30PM

Members Present: Allan D. Walker Jr., Chandler L. Paquette, D. Mitchell Eaffy

Others Present: Donna Stefanik, Roy Chandler-Bungay Fire, Sean Griffin-Bungay Fire, Josh Bottone-Bungay Fire, Chris Wootton-Muddy Brook, Mark Puliafico-Muddy Brook & WFPA, Michael Dorherty-WVFA

1. Call to Order

Walker called meeting to order at 7:30PM.

2. Meeting with Fire Department Chiefs to Discuss Budget Request

The Selectmen met with the Fire Department to discuss their budget briefly. They expressed to the Fire Departments how much they appreciated their commitment & great job that they do as volunteer Firemen. The Selectmen asked how much longer can the Town depend on volunteers to run the Fire Departments, it was felt about 5-10 more years. They are having problems recruiting volunteers that can put the time & training in. The youth in our community tend to go off to college and not come back or get a job that is out of town. As a result, it is getting increasingly harder to recruit young volunteers. **Eaffy** suggested that in their next budget request, that a line item be created to help with future recruiting. **Puliafico** reported that the Fire Departments really work well together and they seem to be a lot more unified than in the past. The Town's funding has help with this; before the departments spent most of their time fundraising and left little time for Fire-EMT training. They continue to look for ways to keep cost down by maintaining their vehicles and not duplicating equipment. Their ladder truck is getting very old even though it has been maintained to a point where it looks new; it will still need to be replaced. The estimated cost new is around \$600,000. The Firemen also expressed their thanks to the Selectmen and the Town for supporting their budget. Without the support, they could not continue their mandatory training and they would be going backwards instead of forward.

3. Accept General Government Budget and Capital Plan

Walker made motion to approve the 2012-2013 General Government Budget in the amount of \$5,477,463 and the Five Year Capital Plan in the amount of \$9,621,390 to present to the Board of Finance on March 13, 2012. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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4. Citizens Comments

None.

5. Adjournment

Allan D. Walker Jr., motioned to adjourn. **Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Stefanik, Assistant Treasurer